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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

#### Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**Name:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force

**DATES:** Monday, December 13, 1999, 1:45 PM–5:30 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Conference Room A, Building 123, 7000 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94551-0808. Note: For their convenience, members of the public who plan to attend this open meeting are requested to contact Ms. Kathleen Moody of the LLNL Protocol Office in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate access to the meeting site. Ms. Moody may be reached at (925) 423-5948 or via e-mail at moody2@llnl.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the

options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) the engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

#### Tentative Agenda

Monday, December 13, 1999

1:45–2:15 PM

Opening Remarks—Dr. John McTague, Task Force Chairman

2:15–2:30 PM

Briefing & Discussion: NIF Re-baselining Plan, Scheduling and Budget Impacts

2:30–3:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Target Fabrication & Target Operations

3:00–3:15 PM

Break

3:15–4:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Relationship between DOE, UC, LLNL, and the NIF Project Office

4:00–4:30 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Previous Reviews of the NIF

4:30–5:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—NIF Council

5:00–5:15 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Outside Consultants & Independent Advice

5:15–5:30 PM

Public Comment Period

5:30 PM

Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

**Public Participation:** In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in

Livermore, California, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

**Minutes:** A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-123-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 2000:

*Second Revised Volume No. 1–A*

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 20

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 22

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 23

Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 24

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 26

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 27

*Third Revised Volume No. 2*

Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.2

Fortieth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.3

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to adjust its rates for inflation.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP99-322-000 and RP96-45-000]

#### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Monday, December 20, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., and continue through Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement in the above-referenced dockets.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-

0248, or Joel M. Cockrell at (202) 208-1184.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-120-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, proposed to be effective January 1, 2000:

50 Revised Sheet No. 50

50 Revised Sheet No. 51

46 Revised Sheet No. 53

Northern states that this filing establishes the System Balancing Agreement (SBA) cost recovery surcharge to be effective January 1, 2000 for the period January 1 through December 31, 2000.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-121-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective date of January 1, 2000:

*Fifth Revised Volume No. 1*

51 Revised Sheet No. 50

51 Revised Sheet No. 51

20 Revised Sheet No. 52

47 Revised Sheet No. 53

*Original Volume No. 2*

159 Revised Sheet No. 1C

36 Revised Sheet No. 1C.a

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to set forth the approved 2000 Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges for the 2000 calendar year to be effective January 1, 2000 in accordance with the Commission's Order Approving The Gas Research Institute's Year 2000 Research, Development and Demonstration Program and 2000-2004 Five-Year Plan issued on September 29, 1999 in Docket No. RP99-323-000.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>